

Table 9. Estimated End-of-Year Accounts Receivable of Retail Firms by Type of Account and Kind of Business: 2003 and 2004

[Estimates are shown in millions of dollars and are based on data from the Annual Retail Trade Survey and administrative records]

NAICS code	Kind of business	Total accounts receivable		Type of account							
				Charge		Installment					
						Total		Open-end		Closed-end	
		2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
	Retail accounts receivables, total	52,843	50,347	23,911	22,268	28,932	28,079	23,116	23,193	5,816	4,886
	Total (excl. Motor vehicle and parts dealers)	42,809	41,231	18,742	17,032	24,067	24,199	20,446	20,988	3,621	3,211
441	Motor vehicle and parts dealers	10,034	9,116	5,169	5,236	4,865	3,880	S	2,205	2,195	S
442	Furniture and home furnishing stores	4,485	3,769	970	748	3,515	3,021	2,027	1,885	1,488	1,136
443	Electronics and appliance stores	1,743	1,531	854	800	889	731	707	579	182	S
444	Building mat., garden equip. & supply stores . . .	11,415	9,895	8,114	6,931	3,301	2,964	2,855	2,607	446	357
445	Food and beverage stores	703	678	393	403	S	S	S	S	S	S
446	Health and personal care stores	3,360	3,289	1,898	1,969	S	1,320	S	1,233	S	S
447	Gasoline stations	1,276	1,181	758	714	518	467	503	458	S	S
448	Clothing access. stores	3,629	3,577	541	482	3,088	3,095	2,660	2,604	428	491
451	Sporting goods, hobby, book & music stores . . .	746	749	375	371	371	378	S	S	129	128
452	General merchandise stores	7,011	8,606	S	19	6,977	8,587	6,657	8,248	320	339
4521	Department stores (ex. L.D.)	6,809	8,419	Z	1	6,809	8,418	6,527	8,119	282	299
453	Miscellaneous store retailers	2,184	2,072	1,278	1,168	S	904	S	650	S	S
454	Nonstore retailers	6,257	5,884	3,527	3,427	2,730	2,457	2,476	2,231	S	S

S Estimate does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality. Unpublished estimates derived from this table by subtraction are subject to these same limitations and should not be attributed to the U.S. Census Bureau. Z Sales estimate is less than \$500,000.

Note: Estimates exclude food services. Estimates have not been adjusted for price changes. Retail total and other subsector totals may include data for kinds of business not shown. Table A-3 provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at <www.census.gov/mrts/www/nrely.html>.